

SCHOOL REPORT CARDS AT-A-GLANCE

OVERALL ACCOUNTABILITY SCORE AND RATING

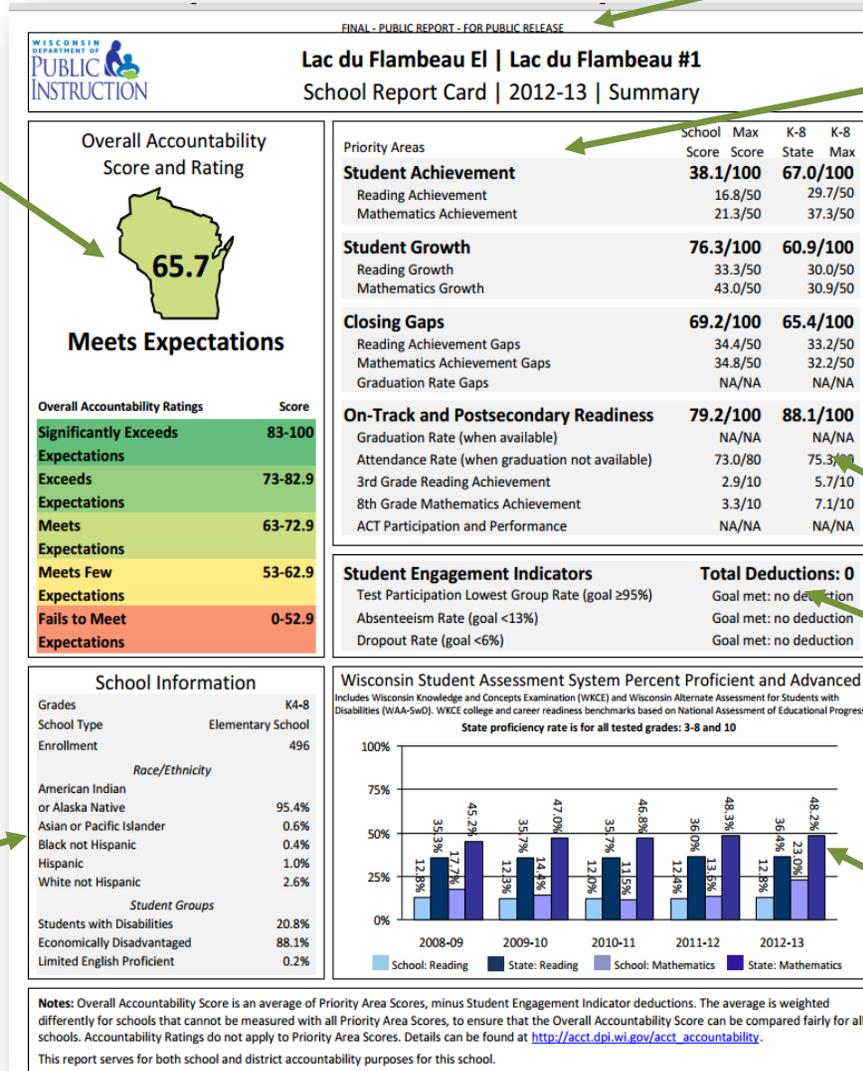
Each school receives an Overall Accountability Score from 0 to 100. This score is calculated by combining the **weighted average** of the Priority Area scores minus any Student Engagement Indicator deductions.

A **weighted average** of Priority Area scores is used—not simple averaging. Wisconsin schools are diverse in size, grade spans, and student populations—and not all schools have data in all four Priority Areas. To account for this diversity and to ensure the scoring system is fair to all school types, the average is weighted differently for schools that do not have all four Priority Areas.

The Overall Accountability Score places a school in one of five rating categories ranging from Significantly Exceeds Expectations to Fails to Meet Expectations. The 0-100 index is not “percent correct” so these scores are never the same as grades.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Basic demographic data for the school is provided for context. The performance of student groups is reported throughout the detailed report card.



USING THE SCHOOL REPORT CARD

In September, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) issues a **School Report Card** and a **District Report Card** for every public school and district in Wisconsin. These Report Cards help parents and educators understand how their school is doing, as well as where it can improve to help all children learn, advance to the next grade, and graduate ready for college and career. Our goal is for every student in Wisconsin to succeed, to graduate, and be ready to pursue further education and a career. The Report Cards are designed to inform parents and the community, and to drive discussion about our children's learning.

How can parents use the report card?

- Review your child's School Report Card every year.
- Ask school staff to sponsor a parent meeting to talk about the School Report Card. Review the areas of strengths and improvement it indicates for your child's school and district. Ask school staff what steps the school is taking to help students succeed and improve.
- Support your child's learning and your child's school. Ask your school principal how parents can help the school improve. Attend school events such as family learning nights with your child. Volunteer to help at school events or to work one-on-one with children to improve their skills. Join your school's parent group to learn more about school programs and efforts that make the school a better place for all students.
- Bring the School Report Card to parent-teacher conferences and talk about the student performance data in the report cards. Ask your child's teacher about classroom data as well. Ask how you can help your child improve and be on-track to graduate.

How can educators use the report card?

- Review the School Report Card and District Report Card every year.
- Review the report cards as a team. Identify areas where performance has improved or declined. Collaboratively work to identify steps to build on areas of improvement and quickly address areas in need of improvement.
- Communicate your action plan to all stakeholders: administrators, colleagues, students, parents, and local leaders.
- Identify ways that each stakeholder can help implement the action plan. How can parents help improve the school? What can teachers and principals do to improve the school? What is the student role in your school improvement plan?

Where and which report cards are provided?

To assist schools and districts in identifying their areas of strength and weakness, but also provide a snapshot of performance, two report card PDFs are provided:

- **Summary:** a one-page (front and back) overview that summarizes performance and provides the accountability score and rating.
- **Detailed:** a more in-depth look at the data behind each of the Priority Areas and Student Engagement Indicators. It also provides supplementary detailed data on student performance that can further inform school improvement efforts.

Report cards are publicly available online: <http://reportcards.dpi.wi.gov/>. To learn more about Wisconsin's school accountability system, please visit: <http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/accountability>.